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The Honorable Ben Nelson
720 Hart Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Clyde Malone Community Center's Federal Appropriation request. The Malone Center Facility Expansion and Renovation Project for which they are requesting funds is a meaningful project that will have widespread benefits for our community.

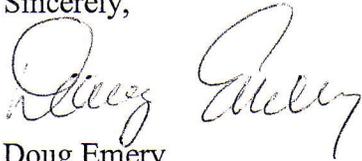
The Malone Center has been serving Lincoln's citizens for more than 55 years. Throughout its history the Malone Center has partnered with the City of Lincoln to strengthen the community. Currently the City of Lincoln supports the Malone Center by providing Joint Budget Committee (JBC) funds for their After-School Program which offers academic support and enrichment opportunities for high-risk elementary school students. Aging Partners (formerly Lincoln Area Agency on Aging) administers the JoAnn Maxey ActivAge Center at Malone Center which provides social activities, health screenings, and a nutritious lunch for senior citizen's two days a week. Malone Center provides a dedicated office for the Program Manager and the programming space in-kind.

The Lincoln City Council is very excited about the collaboration between Malone Center and El Centro de las Americas (formerly the Hispanic Community Center) that includes the co-location of the two organizations in the Malone Center facility. This is a model collaboration and we think more nonprofit organizations should explore similar partnerships. Malone Center and El Centro de las Americas served over 9,000 individuals in 2009 with a variety of services including youth programs, domestic violence counseling, G.E.D. classes, and cultural events.

The City of Lincoln has invested millions of dollars into the Malone Neighborhood through the Antelope Valley Project and the Malone Center Facility Expansion and Renovation Project is a critical piece of the revitalization of the area.

The Clyde Malone Community Center meets a critical need in Lincoln and Lancaster County. I would strongly encourage you to support their request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doug Emery".

Doug Emery

Chair, Lincoln City Council